purses that the foist refuseth even to wear a knife about him lest he be suspected to be a mp

The pnggar is the stealer of horses The courber worketh with a hook or curb, made with joints (like an angle rod that he might hide it beneath his cloak), which he thrusteth through at a window to draw out what he shall find The black art is the picking of locks, and Vincent's law the cheating at bowls

It was objected *by* some that read the first book that Greene used no eloquent phrases as in his former works, and to this he answereth that it were an odious thing to apply a fine style to so base a subject

i$tb December THE DEFENCE OF PLYMOUTH

The Council write to Sir John Gilbert, Sir Francis Drake and other gentlemen concerning the defence of the town of Plymouth against any sudden attempt that the enemy might make As they are not resolved whether it is better to build a fort on the sea side within or near the town, or else to make a wall about the town, they instruct these gentlemen to seek the advice of some skilful engineer to view the circuit and to estimate the charge after a certain rate by the perch Towards this charge besides the sums which the country might be induced to contribute the Queen will be pleased to grant an imposition to be laid upon each tun of pilchards taken out of Plymouth, and because the time is past for this season they deem it best that they should deal with the county to induce them to disburse by way of loan or otherwise such reasonable sums of money as may begin and maintain the work until the next season But before they proceed with the work they should advertise the Council what they shall resolve and what hope they find of

their endeavours with the county for beginning it

A NEGLIGENT COMMISSARY DISMISSED

Thomas Wyatt, commissary for the companies in the Low Countries dispersed under Sir Francis Vere, is dismissed from his post, having neglected to send over certificates or muster rolls of the companies whereby their strength might be discerned* By reason of his omission the strength of the companies lately sent into France was not known, so that instead of 1000 complete